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**TESTIMONIAL
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Testimonial Resolution

MR. CURTIS THOMAS HARDEN

'In Recognition of Your Centennial 100TH Birthday'

Whereas, September 7, 2019, marks the 100th Birthday of **MR. CURTIS THOMAS HARDEN**, a very significant milestone, reserved for very few. The Detroit City Council would like to publicly acknowledge this important event in his life; **and**

Whereas, **CURTIS THOMAS HARDEN**, one of our esteemed centenarian citizens, was born on September 7, 1919, in Fordyce, Arkansas. He was one of thirteen children born to the union of Ella and Reverend D.C. Harden. **CURTIS** attended school at the Dallas County Training High School. He continued a pursuit of higher education at the Chemical Warfare School in Sydney, Australia (1943), the Leadership Training School in Denver, Colorado (1945), and the Electrical and Refrigeration School in St. Louis, Missouri (1949-1951); **and**

Whereas, **MR. HARDEN** served our nation for five years during World War II, including three years overseas. He received an honorable discharge. Upon his return to the states, he was hired as a foreman with the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. Several years later he went to work as a sales agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1957, he accepted a position at the McNichols Steel Company where he remained until his retirement in 1984. **MR. HARDEN** married Ora D. Oakley (deceased) and their union was blessed with three children: two sons, Curtis Jr. and Ronnie Lee (both deceased); a lovely daughter, Barbara Ann Harden Watson; and one grandson, LeRon Harden. **MR. HARDEN'S** daughter, Barbara, retired from the United States Postal Service and is currently a real estate broker and the owner of Barbara Ann Realty; **and**

Whereas, In addition to working and raising his family, **MR. HARDEN** has been active in his beloved church, Saunders Memorial AME, where he was the recipient of the "Man of the Year" award. Through the years, **MR. HARDEN** served as president of many organizations, including the Fordyce Club of Michigan, Male Chorus of Saunders, and was also a 32nd degree Mason; **and**

Whereas, **MR. HARDEN** is enjoying his well-earned leisure years doing what he wants to do, watching television, going to Tigers baseball games, trying to keep up with his daughter in her travels, and sitting out on the porch watching the neighbors pass by. **MR. HARDEN** makes sure that he knows everyone on his block. During a long and productive lifetime, he has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages. **MR. HARDEN** has witnessed many historical events during the century of his life and imparted many caveats of wisdom. His motto has always been, "*If I can help somebody as I pass along then my living will not be in vein.*" As family and friends are gathered here today to commemorate and celebrate his 100th Birthday, it is abundantly fitting and proper that **MR. CURTIS THOMAS HARDEN** be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Resolved, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones congratulate **MR. CURTIS THOMAS HARDEN** on the occasion of his 100th Birthday and we wish him continued peace, good health and happiness.

Brenda Jones
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September 7, 2019

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

CORPORAL BRENDA HAWKINS

“24 Years of Dedicated Service”

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize **CORPORAL BRENDA HAWKINS**, badge 567, who retired from the Detroit Police Department on February 1, 2019, after twenty-four (24) years of dedicated service to the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, **CORPORAL HAWKINS** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on November 28, 1994. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, **OFFICER HAWKINS** was assigned to the Eastern Precinct Support Unit. Her other assignments included the Tactical Mobile Unit and Professional Education & Training; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2015, **OFFICER HAWKINS** was promoted to Corporal. During her tenure with the Department, **CORPORAL HAWKINS** was the recipient of numerous departmental awards, including the MLB All-Star Baseball Recognition Award, NFL Super Bowl XL Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Award, 2014 Ford Fireworks Award, the Confinement Judgement Award, and the Conclusion of Consent Judgement Award; and

WHEREAS, **CORPORAL BRENDA HAWKINS** served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit with commitment, loyalty and professionalism. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones hereby commend **CORPORAL BRENDA HAWKINS** for her contributions to the Detroit Police Department; working to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Detroit; and twenty-four years of dedicated law enforcement service.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

COUNCIL MEMBER

August 26, 2019

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

COMMANDER CHARLES E. MAHONE

"30 Years of Dedicated Service"

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, On September 6, 2019, **COMMANDER CHARLES E. MAHONE**, assigned to the Seventh Precinct, will retire from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) after thirty (30) years of exemplary service to the citizens of the City of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS, **COMMANDER CHARLES E. MAHONE** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 4, 1989, at the age of 19. After a successful completion of basic training at the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he began his career at the Thirteenth Precinct, and Eighth Precinct, where he worked in a patrol capacity. On May 21, 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he was assigned to the Special Crimes Section, First Precinct, and Gang Enforcement Crews. **COMMANDER MAHONE** continued to rise through the ranks and on June 14, 2006, he was promoted to Lieutenant. From May 9, 2011 to October 7, 2013, he served as Executive Lieutenant at the Tenth Precinct. In October 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and was assigned to the Fifth Precinct and later Organized Crime. During his tenure at Organized Crime, he was promoted to his present rank of Commander. **COMMANDER MAHONE's** assignments as Commander included: Patrol Operations Bureau, Ninth Precinct, and Seventh Precinct, where he remained until retirement; **and**

WHEREAS, **COMMANDER CHARLES E. MAHONE** has been the recipient of many awards including: NFL Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Recommendation Award, MLB All-Star Baseball Recognition Award, 2014 Fireworks Award, Conclusion for Consent Judgment Award, Confinement Judgment Award, and several accolades from within the Department; **and**

WHEREAS, **COMMANDER CHARLES E. MAHONE** served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the city of Detroit with loyalty, professionalism, dedication, and diligence. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, do hereby commend and thank **COMMANDER CHARLES E. MAHONE** for his positive contributions to the Detroit Police Department and for many years of dedicated law enforcement service, and we wish him a healthy and enjoyable retirement.

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Testimonial Resolution

DETROIT KETTERING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

'In Recognition of Your 50th Class Reunion'

WHEREAS,

On September 21, 2019 Kettering High School (KE) Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50th class reunion. This is a milestone we celebrate with great pride. In the 50 years since the KE Class of 1969 graced Kettering's hallways, the world has changed more dramatically than we could ever have imagined. The KE Class of 1969 began their public school education on the heels of Brown vs Board of Education, the 1954 Supreme Court landmark ruling that made segregated public schools illegal; **and**

WHEREAS,

Kettering High School opened in 1965, a new high school for Detroit. The site selected for Kettering High School was the Detroit's Board of Education attempt to address both overpopulation in Detroit's High Schools and segregation in Detroit's schools. Located on Van Dyke and the I-94 interchange, Kettering High School was zoned to bring students from the black community (who lived south of I-94) together with students from the white community (who lived north of I-94) resulting in Kettering being an integrated school in 1965. The KE Class of 1969 represented a future of equal opportunities for African Americans. As direct beneficiaries of the Civil Rights Movement, the KE Class of 1969 gained access to opportunities and careers that were not open to their parents due to racism; **and**

WHEREAS,

The KE Class of 1969 survived very turbulent times, including the 1967 Detroit Rebellion, downward spiral of the automotive industry, the Vietnam War, and the influx of narcotics in their communities. These events took a toll on the Kettering community-at-large. This September, we celebrate the Kettering High School Class of 1969 with a 50th class reunion. It is a bittersweet moment, as we reflect on the classmates who are no longer with us. Additional it saddens us that Kettering permanently closed in 2012 and the school building is slated for demolition in the very near future; **and**

WHEREAS,

We will take the PIONEER SPIRIT with us into the future. That as true PIONEERS, we will continue to support efforts needed to ensure Civil Rights are not compromised that were cultivated by the Civil Rights Movement. That as PIONEERS, we chartered new territories in education, the military, manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care, and business. That although they may tear down Kettering High School's building, they will never destroy the PIONEER SPIRIT. That the Kettering High School's PIONEER SPIRIT will live on in the hearts and minds of every PIONEER. That the KE Class of 1969 has survived; and 50 years later... we are the ULTIMATE PIONEERS!

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED,

That the **DETROIT CITY COUNCIL** and office of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MARY SHEFFIELD**, wishes to take this opportunity to honor and recognize the Kettering High School Class of 1969's 50th Class Reunion!

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
Joyce Jones
COUNCIL MEMBER
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AUGUST 20, 2019

DATE

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